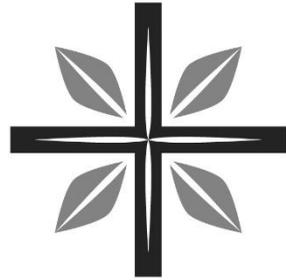


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.
Forgiveness – the Family Business for God's Children: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
Bible Information Class: St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23 & 24, 2018

A Christian's Calling: Reconciled to God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Christian Worship 349

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

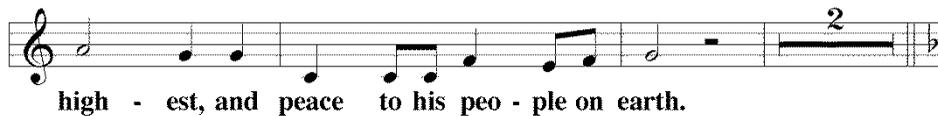
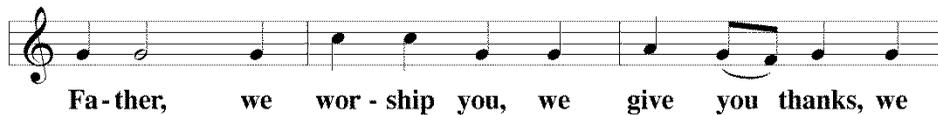
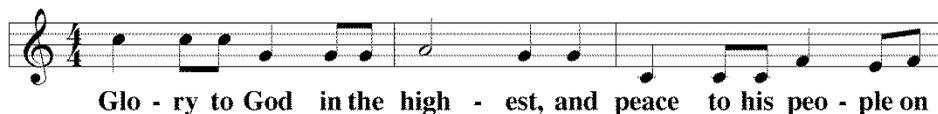
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on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

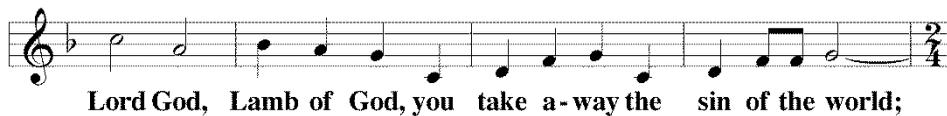
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

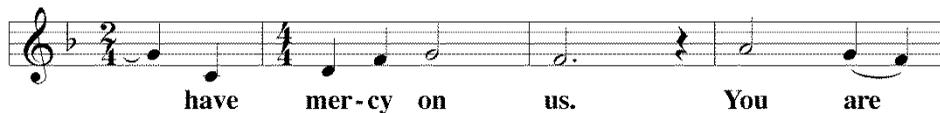
PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





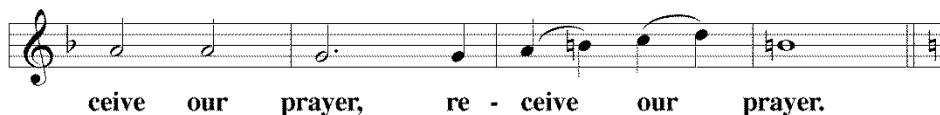
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



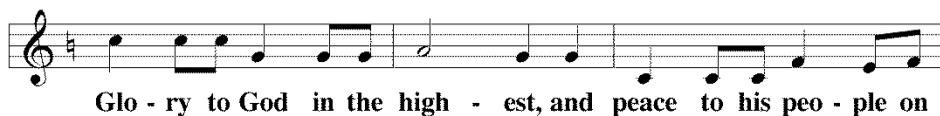
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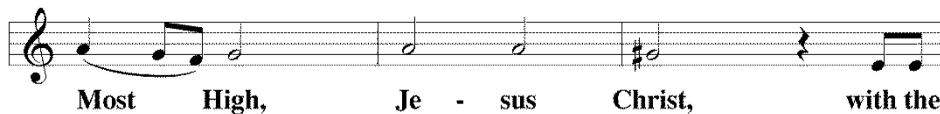
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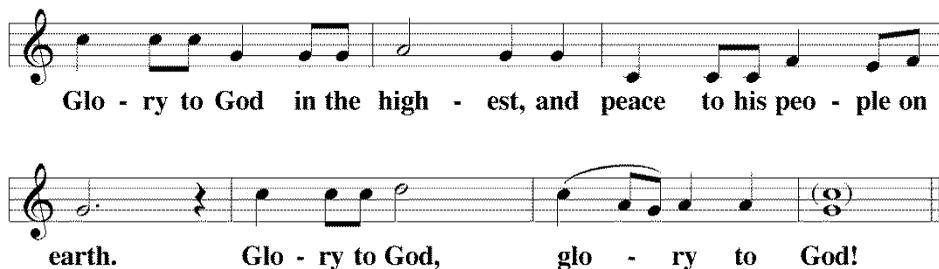
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Proverbs 30:4, 5

Because our God's wisdom and might know no limits, we put our trust in him.

Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands?

Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and the name of his son?

Tell me if you know!

Every word of God is flawless;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Because God is our refuge and strength, we put our trust in him.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Because we have been reconciled to God, we put our trust in him.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Alleluia.

Please stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Because Jesus saved his disciples from the storm, they put their trust in him.

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”



Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound
Christian Worship 379

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

A Christian Life Case Study

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- M:** O God, our kind and benevolent Father, we thank and praise you for the many undeserved blessings you continually shower upon us.
- C:** **It is only by your grace that we who are by nature sinful can stand fully acceptable in your sight.**
- M:** Your grace makes us righteous through the blood of Christ. You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts with the gospel message of forgiveness and caused us to believe it to the salvation of our souls.
- C:** **Keep us always mindful of your free and full salvation. Fill our hearts with a living faith that cannot be shaken.**
- M:** Through the Holy Spirit, give us grace to follow the example of your love. Enable us to be kind and considerate toward others in their individual needs.
- C:** **When faced with opportunities to witness your saving grace to others, give us the words to speak so that we do not remain silent.**
- M:** Open our hearts to give generously to the cause of Christian missions so that your gospel of grace may be preached throughout the world.
- C:** **Bless us richly with your grace so that our lives may be filled with good works – the fruit of the Spirit.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: To you, O heavenly Father, we bring our prayers and praise. May they be acceptable in your sight through the sacrifice of your Son, our Savior.

C: **We come before you with all that we are and have. Use us for your holy purposes. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved
Christian Worship 384

Please stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
Christian Worship 145

Announcements

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

Serving at Worship

Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Doug Knuth (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 AM) Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Steve & Jennifer Wolf, Sharon Vander Veen and Chris Sturdevant (8:00 AM) Carol Willick, Barb Bergquist, and Mark & Cynthia Rouse (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The flowers on the altar are given by Dan and Lori Meiers in memory of Carl and Alfreda Meiers and for blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are given by Cal and Lynn Kozlowski in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Dan Eick, recovering from recent surgery at Froedtert.
- Yvonne Quint, scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday.

Parents' Preview for July 1

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink” (stanzas 1 & 2)

Christian Worship 405



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 5

M	John 8:1-11.....	Colossians 3:12-15
T	2 Corinthians 2:5-11.....	1 Samuel 24:2-20
W	Matthew 5:45-48.....	Ephesians 4:30-5:2
TH	Matthew 18:15-20.....	Philippians 2:1-4
F	Romans 15:1-7.....	Acts 7:54-59
S	Galatians 6:1-5.....	Revelation 22:1-5

